

United States
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Bureau of Land Management
Eugene District Office

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

Background: Forty-three CFR part 2930 confers upon the Bureau of Land Management the authority to allow a permittee use of the public land for commercial recreation events under a Special Recreation Permit (SRP). The proposed commercial tree climbing tours qualify for Bureau management under such a permit. Neither the *Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service & Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl* (April 1994) nor the *Eugene District Record of Decision & Resource Management Plan* (May 1995) disqualify use of the public land within the proposed project area for commercial recreational purposes.

Proposed Action: Issue a SRI' to Pacific Tree Climbing Institute to market and conduct commercial tree climbing tours within T. 14 S., R. 01 W., Section 35 of the Upper Willamette Resource Area, Eugene District BLM.

Finding of No Significant Impact: On the basis of the attached Exception Criteria Review, ACS Objectives Review for Categorical Exclusions, and all other information available to me to date, It is my determination that implementation of the proposed action does not constitute a major federal action having a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement (US) is not necessary and will not be prepared for this proposed action.

Decision: The proposed action, in conjunction with associated permit conditions, is approved. Permit authorization becomes effective upon the final date posted on this decision document. The permit expires May 15, 2005.

Rationale: The proposed action qualifies as a Categorical Exclusion (CE) as described in Departmental Manual 516DM, Chapter 6, Appendix 5.4 (H)(5), and does not meet any of the exception criteria. The proposed action is in conformance with the Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service & Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl, April 1994 (ROD) and the Eugene District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan, June 1995 (Eugene District ROD/RMP) as amended by the Record of Decision for Amendments to the Survey and Manage, Protection Buffer, and Other Mitigation Measures, Standards and Guidelines, USDA Forest Service and USD1 Bureau of Land Management, January 2001.

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